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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE: COMMERCIAL CABLE FOR THE SECRETARY

EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING COMMERCIAL CABLE ADDRESSED
TO SECRETARY KISSINGER FROM PWTRICK B. HEALY, SECRETARY,
NATIONAL MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION:

"HENRY A. KISSINGER, UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE,
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES, DAMASCUS, SYRIA

"IN ADDRESSING THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE IN ROME THIS WEEK,
YOU PRESENTED A SERIES OF PROPOSALS TO DEAL WITH CHRONIC FOOD
SHORTAGES AROUND THE WORLD AND TO PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR
IMPROVING NUTRITION FOR ALL THE WORLD'S PEOPLE. IN ADDITION,
YOU PLEDGED INCREASED AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN FOOD AID
PROGRAM IMMEDIATELY AS A PART OF THIS EFFORT.

"THE DAIRY FARMER OF THE UNITED STATES HAS LONG SUPPORTED BOTH
DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN PROGRAMS AIMED AT RAISING NUTRITIONAL
LEVELS. WE WELCOME THE INITIATIVE YOU HAVE PROPOSED.

"SOME HAVE RAISED SERIOUS QUESTIONS REGARDING OUR NATION'S
ABILITY TO MAKE ANY MEANINGFUL EXPANSION OF FOOD AID
COMMITMENT AT PRESENT IN VIEW OF SHORTENED SUPPLIES OF
COMMODITIES AND BUDGET PRESSURES. WE DO HAVE IMMEDIATELY
AVAILABLE HOWEVER SUBSTANTIAL STOCKS OF NONFAT DRY MILK
WHICH IS A HIGHLY NUTRITIOUS, READILY USEABLE
PROTEIN FOOD THAT WOULD SERVE AS A VALUABLE ADDITION TO
FOOD ASSISTANCE EFFORTS.

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"CURRENT DOMESTIC STOCKS OF THE PRODUCT EXCEED 300 MILLION

POUNDS, OF WHICH MORE THAN 130 MILLION POUNDS ARE ALREADY IN GOVERNMENT HANDS THROUGH ACQUISITION UNDER THE DAIRY PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAM. THIS STOCKPILE, MOST OF WHICH IS UNNEEDED IN THIS MARKET, COULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IN MEETING THE FOOD NEEDS IN PROTEIN-SHORT FOOD AREAS OF THE WORLD.

"THE ANNOUNCEMENT DURING THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE OF THE INTENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO UTILIZE THE AUTHORITIES AVAILABLE UNDER PUBLIC LAW 480 TO MAKE THIS PRODUCT AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY WOULD BE A FIRM DEMONSTRATION OF THE WILLINGNESS INDICATED IN YOUR SPEECH OF NOVEMBER 5; IT WOULD SERVE AS A CATALYST TO BRING FORTH COMMITMENT FROM OTHER NATIONS TO THE JOINT EFFORT THAT WILL BE NECESSARY TO MEET THIS GREAT CHALLENGE."

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